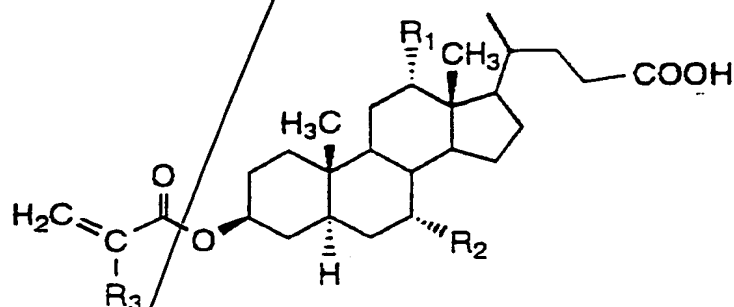


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a novel (meth)acrylic acid ester compound useful as a resin material for photosensitive compositions, which enables control of the molecular weight of a resin to be prepared. The novel (meth)acrylic acid ester compound is one represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R_1 and R_2 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group; and R_3 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.